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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0105]

Agency Information Collection Activities:

Application to Use the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments; extension and revision of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Application to Use the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with a change to the burden hours resulting from the addition of a new application for brokers, importers, sureties, attorneys and other parties to establish an ACE Portal account to file protests. There are no proposed changes to the existing ACE Portal application for imported merchandise. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS**

AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, 90 K Street, NE, 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, 90 K Street, NE 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document, CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

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Abstract: As of July 23, 2016, the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) will be the sole CBP-authorized electronic data interchange (EDI) system for processing electronic entry and entry summary filings of certain entry types. Pursuant to Executive Order 13659, a deadline of December 31, 2016, was established for participating Federal agencies to have capabilities, agreements, and other requirements in place to utilize the International Trade Data System (ITDS) and supporting systems, such as ACE, as the primary means of receiving from users the standard set of data and other relevant documentation (exclusive of applications for permits, licenses, or certifications) required for the release of imported cargo and clearance of cargo for export. See 79 FR 10655 (February 25, 2014). ACE supports government agencies and the trade community with border-related missions with respect to moving goods across the border efficiently and securely. Once ACE is fully implemented, all related CBP trade functions and the trade community will be supported from a single common user interface.

In order to establish an ACE Portal account, participants submit information such as their name, their employer identification number (EIN) or social security number, and if applicable, a statement certifying their capability to connect to the internet. This information is submitted through the ACE Secure Data Portal which is accessible at: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated>

CBP is proposing to add the capability of electronically filing protests to ACE. A protest is a procedure whereby a private party may administratively challenge a CBP decision regarding imported merchandise and certain other CBP decisions. Trade members wishing to establish a protest filer account will need to submit the following data elements:

1. Organization Information
 - a. Protest Filer Number (EIN, SSN, or CBP Assigned Number)
 - b. Organization Name
 - c. Organization Type
 - d. End of Fiscal Year (month and day)
 - e. Mailing Address
2. ACE Account Owner Information
 - a. Name
 - b. Date of Birth
 - c. Email Address
 - d. Telephone Number
 - e. Fax Number (optional)
 - f. Account Owner address if different from Company Address
3. Filing Notification Point of Contact
 - a. Name
 - b. Email address

Current Actions: CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with a change to the burden hours resulting from the addition of a new application for protest filers to establish an ACE Portal account. There are no proposed changes to the existing ACE Portal application, or changes to the burden hours, for other ACE accounts.

Type of Review: Extension (with change)

Affected Public: Businesses

Application to ACE (Import)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,100

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 21,100

Estimated Time per Response: .33 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,963

Application to ACE (Export)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,000

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 9,000

Estimated Time per Response: .066 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 594

Application to ACE (Protest)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,750

Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses: 3,750

Estimated Time per Response: .066 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 248

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